

STABILIZED INTERFERON COMPOSITIONS

Stabilized pharmaceutical formulations comprising IFN- β and highly purified
5 manitol are provided. The highly purified manitol stabilizes the compositions by
reducing the formation of IFN- β adducts in comparison with IFN- β formulated with
mannitol that has not been highly purified. Methods for increasing the stability of IFN- β
or a variant thereof in a liquid or lyophilized composition and for increasing storage
stability of such a composition are also provided.

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